

The background of the entire page is a deep purple. It features a central, slightly faded image of a Jodo Shinshu temple interior. In the center is a large, dark statue of Amida Buddha, looking upwards. Radiating from behind the statue are many thin, orange lines, similar to the ones in the logo. On either side of the central statue, there are silhouettes of people in various poses, some standing and some walking, all in a dark grey or black color. The overall composition is symmetrical and has a spiritual, serene feel.

# "The Jodo Shinshu path is open to everyone to come and to leave"

The Jodo Shinshu path is open to everyone to come and to leave. We do not force others to come to the temple nor do we persuade them not to leave. And if they want to come back after they left, we welcome them.

Jodo Shinshu temples will recruit new members but we do not force others to become members. In general, our attitude is "If you would like to join," rather than "You must join."

One possible reason is that the teaching



does not emphasize personal benefits such as promoting their rank within the temple or gaining good karma to hit the jackpot in the lottery.

However, we welcome those who are interested in the teaching and there may be light encouragement to invite family and

friends to the temple as well. In those cases, it is not about recruitment or coercion but rather respecting people's choices. And if there are those who stop coming to the temple, we do not persuade them to stay.

According to a record of Shinran Shonin's words and deeds, one of the

disciples of Shinran Shonin left the order due to the difference in the understanding of the teaching. Although the disciple was devoted and acknowledged by Shinran Shonin, Shinran Shonin did not persuade him to stay the order. Other disciples wanted the leaving disciple to return the copies of Shinran Shonin's writings. But Shinran Shonin said, "If the leaving disciple threw away my writings, someone will pick them up and may become a Jodo Shinshu follower. So he can take the copies of my writings."

It is said that later, after Shinran Shonin passed away, the disciple apologized for his misconduct to Ka-kunyo Shonin, the third abbot of Jodo Shinshu, and he was welcomed to come back.

Further, although he had many disciples, Shinran Shonin thought that "Shinran himself does not have a single disciple." (*Tannisho*, Chapter 6, CWS p.664)

The reason is that Shinran Shonin thought he did not have any power to give "*Shinjin*, entrusting heart to Amida Buddha," to others or to let others recite the *Nembutsu*. All are done by Amida's power. What Shinran Shonin was able to do was share the teaching of the *Nembutsu*, as "fellow traveler" to the Pure Land.

He also mentioned that "We come together when conditions bring us to meet and part when conditions sep-

arate us. (*Tannisho* chapter 6)" After all, it's beyond our control to let others stay in the order or leave the order. Thus from Shinran Shonin's time, Jodo Shinshu's path is open to everyone to come and leave and we usually do not force people to come to the temple or to stay at the temple.

Also, as fellow travelers to the Pure Land, it's good to invite family and friends to join our journey, so please "lightly" encourage your family and friends to come to the temple.

*Namuamidabutsu.*

REV. RYUTA FURUMOTO

*"We come together when conditions bring us to meet and part when conditions separate us."*

(TANNISHO CHAPTER 6)



## 来る者こばまず、去る者追わず

古本竜太

たいていの浄土真宗のお寺では初めてお寺に来てくださる方をウエルカムしますが、強制的に勧誘するようなことはありません。それは、新しいメンバーを入れたら自分のお寺でのランクが上がるとか、功德を得られて、病気が治るとかお金持ちになるとかいう教えでないからかもしれ

ません。  
「来るもの拒まず、去る者追わず」というような態度で、強制的な勧誘はしませんし、また、去る人々を引き止めることはしません。でもお寺に戻ってこられる方は、いつでも歓迎するのです。

浄土真宗は、自力で浄土へ生まれて悟りを目指す教えではなく、阿弥陀仏におまかせする他力本願の教えです。そのため、他の人々を勧誘してメンバー数を増やすことよりも、自分が教えを理解し喜ぶことが重要視されます。その喜びが他の人へ自然と共有されていくのが理想的な教えの伝わり方だとしているのです。

もちろん、教えに興味を持って自発的にお寺にお参りされる方々を歓迎しますし、家族や友人にお寺に来るように「軽く」促すこともあります。このような場合でも、強制ではなく、「もしよかったら、、、」と個人の選択にゆだねることが多いです。

親鸞聖人の言行録によると、親鸞聖人の一人の弟子が教えの理解の違いにより教団を離れることになったそうです。その弟子は教えの理解も深く、聖人からも信頼を得て、聖人の著書を書写させてもらう許しまで受けていましたが、聖人はその弟子

に教団に留まるよう説得しませんでした。他の弟子たちは、去っていく弟子に親鸞聖人の著作の写しを返すよう求めました。親鸞聖人は「もし彼が私の著作を捨てたなら、誰かがそれをひろって、念仏の教えが伝わるご縁になるかもしれない。だから私の著作の写しを持って行っていいではないか。」と諭しました。

後に、親鸞聖人が亡くなった後、その弟子は第三代ご門主の覚如上人に自身の誤りを詫び、歓迎されて教団に戻ることができたそうです。親鸞聖人は、教えが伝わっていくのは、自分の力や努力でなく、阿弥陀さまの力によって伝わっていくのだ、と考えられていたことがうかがえます。

また、親鸞聖人には多くの弟子がいましたが、「親鸞自身には一人の弟子もいない（歎異抄 第六章）」とも言われています。自分には他の人々に信心を与えたり、念仏をとえさせるのは自分ではなく、すべては阿弥陀仏の力によるもので、親鸞聖人ができることは、浄土へ一緒に向かって行くお同行として念仏の教えを共有することだとされました。その意味で、私の弟子はいない、と言われ、いうなれば皆が仏の弟子だとお示しくださっています。

そして、「つくべき縁があれば一緒になり、離れるべき縁があれば離れていく、、、（歎異抄 第六章）」と、私たちは状況によって一緒に集まったり別れたりするのであって、結局のところ、人々に教団に留まるか離れるかを決めさせることは私たちの力ではできないのだと言われています。このような親鸞聖人の態度に学び、浄土真宗のお寺では、強制的な勧誘をしたり、お寺に留まるように説得することはほとんどないのです。

けれども、浄土へのお同行として、家族や友人と一緒に人生の旅をするのは楽しいでしょう。ですから、家族や友人にお寺に来るように「軽く」促すことはいいかもしれません。

南無阿弥陀仏





# Monthly Memorial July 2023

## Shotsuki Service July 9 at 10a

Seshu (Observant)  
Deceased Relation To Observant, Deceased

Akahori, Ted Brother-in-law Uyetake, Keiso	Kunitake, Kimiyo Mother-in-law Kunitake, Shizue	Takashima, Iris Uncle Yasuda, Minoru
Akahori, Ted Friend Shigeyasu, George & Emiko	Kunitake, Kimiyo Mother Yamada, Eiko	Takemoto, Jon Father Takemoto, Ben
Fujimoto, Noriko Husband Fujimoto, Hisashi	Matsubayashi, Kazuo Mother Matsubayashi, Atsuko	Takeyama, Yo Husband Takeyama, Ray
Hashimoto Family Uncle Hashimoto, Harry	Meigneux, Kate & Meigneux, Emma & Teia Husband/Father Meigneux, Patrice	Terrell, Jackie Mother Howard, Marty
Hashimoto Family Grandfather Nishimura, Kanichi	Miyata, Satoshi Wife Miyata, Sue	Tomita, Misao Brother-in-law Tomita, Akira
Hiramoto, John Grandmother Kanegawa, Mitsuru	Mori, Wendy Mother Sahara, Chiyo	Toyama, Beverly Aunt Murata, Hatsuye
Hosokawa, Gloria Grandmother Maruichi, Hatsu	Murakami, Eugene Father Murakami, Kazuo	Toyama, Beverly Uncle Murata, Kenji
Huey, Celia Grandmother Kanegawa, Mitsuru	Nagano, Lance Wife Nagano, Julia	Toyama, Tory Spouse Guerrero, Chase
Imamura Family Grandmother Yoshimura, Hisa	Okazaki, James Uncle Okazaki, Tasuku	Wakinaka, Bernice Sister-in-law Nagaoka, Meta
Ito, Maryann Father Ito, Tokuo	Ota, Joanne Mother Ota, Sydney	Yamashita, Betty Grandmother Ito, Toku
Kitano, Gerald Father Kitano, Melvin	Saneto Family Grandmother Saneto, Koima	Yokoyama, Arlene Sister Yamada, Ellen
Kitano, Jane Mother Otamura, Sumiko	Sato Family Grandmother Sato, Kogimi	Yokoyama, Arlene Mother Yamada, Thelma
Kojima, Chikako Daughter Kojima, Noreen	Segawa Family Segawa/Kawamoto Families	Yoshimura, Evelyn Father Yoshimura, Dan
Kok, Richard Mother Yoke, Toh Siew	Shigaki Family Mother Shigaki, Doris	Yoshimura, Brett & Susan Grandfather Yoshimura, Dan
	Shirasago, Paula Mother Shimada, Mae Satsuki	Yoshimura, Evelyn Stepmother Yoshimura, Kay
	Sugano, Michiko Mother Yoshimoto, Sayo	

The monthly memorial service is usually held on the first Sunday of each month in memory of those who have passed away in that month. At the service, the list of names of the deceased, the person observing the memorial and the person's relation to the deceased is read. The Monthly Memorial List is also published in the Prajna newsletter. To have a name entered into the Monthly Memorial List, please call the office as names may not automatically be entered after a funeral.

# Monthly Memorial August 2023

## Shotsuki Service July 9 at 10a

Seshu (Observant)  
Deceased Relation To Observant, Deceased

Akahori, Julie Grandfather Uyetake, Senichi	Kojima, Chikako Mother-in-law Kojima, Natalia	Ono, David Father Ono, Akira
Domoto Family Domoto, Eiichi	Kojima, Chikako Aunt Kojima, Bonnie	Sakakura, Michiko Father Sakakura, Kotaro
Ebata, Donna Mother-in-law Ebata, Emiko	Kuwata, Tom Grandmother Kuwata, Kogiku	Shirasago, Paula Father Shimada, Saburo
Higa, Dorothy Father Kuwaki, Masao	Marubayashi, Roy Mother Marubayashi, Setsuko	Takashima, Wilbur Uncle Taniguchi, Mitsuo
Ishizuka, Karen Brother Ishizuka, Tadao Kirk	Matsumura, Henry Grandfather Matsumura, Kunishiro	Tanaka, Lilian Father Shiosaki, Rodney
Isomoto, Glen Grandmother Isomoto, Sakuyo	Matsumura, Henry Uncle Matsumura, Kuniyoshi	Tanezaki, Barbara Mother Kakita, Hisako
Isomoto, Glen Grandfather Isomoto, Ikusuke	Minami, Jean Father Yokomi, Itsuto	Toji, Suzanne Husband Toji, Robert
Kanda, Lynn Gleeson, David Gleeson, Paiton, Emery, Montgomery Father, Father-in-law, Grandfather Kanda, Mamoru	Mori, Johnny Grandmother Ishigaki, Tane	Torio, Taye Father Sugimoto, Heiji
Kiriyama, Iku Husband Kiriyama, George	Murakami, Eugene Grandfather Inouye, Kenso	Toyama, John Brother Toyama, George
Kitano, Jane Father Otamura, Masao	Murakami, Eugene Grandmother Inouye, Komina	Wakinaka, Bernice Sister Yamada, Chiyoye
Kodama, Nancy Husband Kodama, Malcolm	Nakashima, Jean Mother Shigeyasu, Emiko	Yamashita, Betty Mother Takahashi, Nancy
	Nakawatase Family Roy Nakawatase	
	Nakawatase, Richard Grandfather Nakawatase, Suyekichi	
	Nakawatase, Richard Aunt Inahara, Toshiko Lily	
	Okita Family Father Okita, Kiyoshi	

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# Senshin 2023

## Hatsubon and Obon Odori

### Saturday, July 1

In Jodoshinshu, *Obon* is called *Kangi-e*, or The Gathering of Joy. It is a major festival in our Buddhist calendar year. It is a memorial service and a celebration in memory of our ancestors and all who have died. It is an occasion to remember our indebtedness to all who have gone before us, to appreciate and thank those lives and to reaffirm the sanctity of all living beings. In order to express this appreciation, we are called to the *Obon* gathering to dance, however embarrassed or however boastful.

Senshin has always opened the *Obon* dances with *Awa Odori*; the Dance of Fools. Within this song is the famous line:

*Odoru aho ni miru aho.*

*Onaji aho nara odoranya son son*

*A dancing fool and a watching fool,  
since they are both fools, what a waste not to dance.*

To truly dance *Bon Odori* is to be truly connected. It must be done without a calculating mind. You are invited to light an oil lamp (made by Senshin member, the late Mr. Leo Sugano) in the courtyard in memory of a loved one, one you are indebted to, friend and enemy alike.

Following the lighting of the memorial lamps will be an *otoki* of cold noodles and a *Horaku* presentation by the Kinnara Taiko, and others. **Hatsubon service will be held from 4:30pm.** *Hatsubon* means the first obon service in memory of the deceased family member. An invitation letter has been sent to families that lost their family members between July 2022 to May 2023.



### Senshin Hatsubon & Bon Odori Schedule, July 1, 2023

- 4:30pm *Hatsubon Service*  
Rev. Ryuta Furumoto & Rev. Kakuryu Kodani.  
初盆法要—古本竜太開教使、小谷覚龍名誉開教使
- 5:30pm *Otoki for Hatsubon Family* お斎
- 7-9pm *Bon Odori* 盆踊り
- 8:30pm Raffle Drawing
- 9pm *Hondo Omairi, Sento Shogon* (1000 Memorial Lamps), *Otoki*  
本堂お参り、千燈荘厳、お斎
- 10pm *Horaku*—Kinnara Taiko and others.  
法楽、緊那羅太鼓

### Senshin Bukkyo Gakuin Class Introduction and Reflection on Rennyo Shonin's *Gobunsho*

Wednesdays July 5 and 12,  
6:30 to 7:15p, Rev. Ryuta Furumoto

The classes are on-line and those who have not attended previous sessions are welcomed to join this session. If you have not signed up for this program before, please contact the temple. Those who took previous sessions will receive the link to join the classes.

## 2023 Hatsumairi

At the May 21st *Gotanye* service, two infants were brought to the temple to be presented in front of Amida Buddha's altar.

**CARTER YUKIO CHAND** was born on January 18, 2023. His parents are Ray and Chiemi Mori Chand.

**JACKSON TOMOYUKI SHIMOHARA** was born on May 10, 2021. His parents are Donny and Deanna Trinh Shimohara.

Congratulations to both families, and welcome to the two youngsters!

## Senshin BWA Sashiko Workshop Series: August 2023

BWA will be sponsoring the following series of three *Sashiko* (Japanese embroidery/stitchery) workshops in August, 2023 at Senshin: (1) August 5, 1pm, (2) August 12, 12noon, and (3) August 27, 12 noon. The instructor is fellow BWA member, Reiko Soday.

She has spent many years studying and creating beautiful textile pieces using the *Sashiko* method. *Sashiko* is a traditional Japanese embroidery technique and is used for decoration and/or reinforcing or mending clothes and other household goods. It is often associated with “boro” stitching. In the present trend of “renew, recycle, reuse,” *Sashiko* is a very relevant skill to learn.

The class will be limited to ten participants, but a wait list will also be maintained. Make up sessions may be set up in September. If you are interested in attending the workshop series, please contact Reiko at the following email: Genki2056@hotmail.com or her cell phone at 323-356-2440. The workshop series is free of charge but there may be a materials charge.

## Senshin Honored as a Cultural Treasure

Our Sangha has always thought our temple was a cultural treasure, but now the City of Los Angeles, Cultural Affairs Department is honoring Senshin as one of the Cultural Treasures of South LA. This recognizes the long history and contributions of Japanese Americans to this area, and

the rich traditions that have flourished here - *Taiko*, *Obon*, *Gagaku*, *Bugaku*, as well as contemporary arts that grew from Great Leap, which has welcomed people of diverse cultures. Kaitwan Jackson, one of the organizers of the Cultural Treasures project, said he often rode his bike past Senshin on his way to school at USC. He wondered what this beautiful place was. Now he knows and is happy to share it with other Angelenos. For more about this: <https://culturela.org/programs-and-initiatives/promise-zone-arts/>

## Senshin Temple Yard Sale

### Saturday, August 12, 2023 8am-11am

Proceeds will benefit Weemes Elementary School

Please drop off your donated items to Temple Social Hall on

- Sunday August 6
  - Wednesday August 9, or
  - Friday August 11
- between 10am – 2pm

Please make sure that items are in working and saleable condition. We also

ask that you pre-sort men's, women's, and children's clothing.

We are sorry but we cannot accept the following:

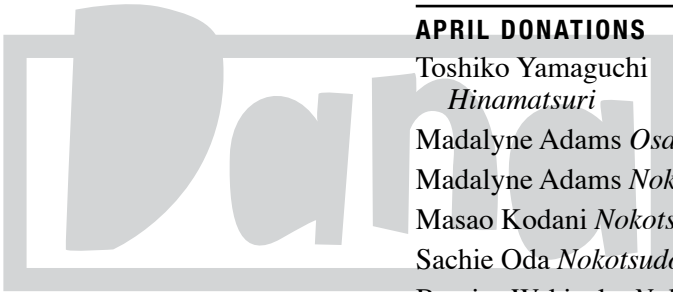
- broken or soiled items
- undergarments
- mattresses or bedding
- large furniture or large appliances



Sale will be held in small parking lot, 1341 W 37th St

We welcome any help on August 12 with setting up, selling, and cleaning up. Set up starts at 7 am. Lunch will be provided to all yard sale volunteers. For any questions, contact John Hiramoto at 714.746.7788 or Glen Isomoto at 310.408.0402





Listed are donations handled by the Regular Treasurer:  
**Special:** donation received with no specific reason given  
**Orei:** donation for use of temple facilities, equipment, etc.  
**Nokotsudo:** donation by families who have family cremains in the **Nokotsudo** (columbarium)  
The Regular Treasurer is required to send receipts for donations of \$250.00 and over. Receipts for all other donations will not be sent unless requested by the donor.



APRIL DONATIONS

Toshiko Yamaguchi *Hinamatsuri*  
Madalyne Adams *Osaisen*  
Madalyne Adams *Nokotsudo*  
Masao Kodani *Nokotsudo*  
Sachie Oda *Nokotsudo*  
Bernice Wakinaka *Nokotsudo*  
Sachiko Hirota *In memory of Rev. Hirota*  
Uyeno Family *Use of social hall*  
Uyeno Family *Funeral for Mat Uyeno*  
Bryan and Kathryn Hori *Bon Odori Seminar Orei*  
Rick Oishi *Gobutsuzen*  
Lynn Kanda and David Gleeson *In memory of Paige Kiyoko Kathleen Gleeson*  
Jean Toshima *S.D. Bon Odori Seminar*  
Yonsei Basketball Association *Orei*  
Miki Fujimoto *In memory of Ted, Mary & Yuki Fujimoto*  
Fujimoto Family *Funeral for Crystine Yuki Fujimoto*  
Dale Shirasago *Donation*  
Mayumi Kodani *Donation*  
Aisha Mori *Car Donation*  
Kevin Higa *Car Donation*

APRIL FLOWER DONATION

Toshiko Yamaguchi  
Dana and Ann Saneto  
Marilyn Shimabukuro  
Chikako Kojima  
Kelvin and Yoko Nishikawa  
Jean Minami  
Lori and Russell Nishida  
Glenn and Kristine Kawaguchi  
Ellen Shimohara  
Higa Family and Bob Takamoto

MAY DONATIONS

Scott & Aileen Nishisaka *Memorial Service for Yoshio Nishisaka*  
Merrie Nishisaka *Memorial Service for Yoshio Nishisaka*  
Kiyoko & Terry Yoneda, Robyn Ogawa *Memorial Service for Tsugi Yoneda & Agnes Nakamura*  
Madalyne Adams *Memorial Service for Kijiro Kuwata*  
Madalyne Adams *Nokotsudo*  
Dana & Ann Saneto *Nokotsudo*  
Michiko Sugano *Nokotsudo*  
Glenn & Kristine Kawaguchi *Nokotsudo*  
Madalyne Adams *Osaisen*  
Dennis & Celia Huey *Donation*  
Lisa O'brien *Chicken Teriyaki*  
Nobuko Miyamoto *Chicken Teriyaki*  
JM Fukuhara Dyck *In memory of Yaeko Aihara*  
Roy Marubayashi and Rose Kido *In memory of Morihiko & Setsuko Marubayashi*  
Ellen Shimohara *Hatsumairi* - Jackson Tomoyuki Shimohara  
Ellen Shimohara *Celebrate 2nd Birthday of 1st Grandson, Jackson*  
Rose Hom *Donation*  
Irene Steinman *Dana*  
Beverly Rogers *In memory of parents, Chitose & Soichiro Nishi*  
Johnny and Wendy Mori *Hatsumairi*  
Yonsei Basketball Association *Orei*  
Lisa Maeda, Carol Hiroto & Denise Okabe *In memory of Lily and Tsuchiyo Domoto*

Terry Nakawatase, Scott & Haley Nakawatase, Mark, Lisa & Jessica Warshal *In memory of Roy Nakawatase*  
Denise Takehara *Kodomo no hi - Children's Day*  
Nishiyama & Matayoshi *Family Donation*  
Makuta Family *Donation*  
Misaye Abiko *In memory of Hiroshi Abiko*  
Stacy Eastly *So. District BEC Seminar - Obon*  
Dale Shirasago *Dana*  
Grace Uyeshima *Dana, In memory of Masuo Tanaka*  
Mayumi Kodani *Donation*  
Katherine Koyanagi *Memorial for Miyoko Koyanagi*

CHICKEN TERIYAKI DONATION

Shelly Okamura  
Koichi Uyemura  
Deborah Suda  
Stephanie Mizutani  
Ellen Shimohara  
Joann Hirose  
Michiko Sugano  
Stacey Camara  
AH & PM Tabata  
Robert Hori  
Jean/Karl Kawakami (Nishi)  
Miki Fujimoto

MAY FLOWER DONATION

Michiko Sugano  
Scott & Aileen Nishisaka  
Merrie Nishisaka  
Russell & Lori Nishida  
John & Debbie Hiramoto  
Glenn & Kristine Kawaguchi  
Kelvin & Yoko Nishikawa  
Lori Nishida  
Marilyn Shimabukuro  
Dana & Ann Saneto  
Kathie & Marty Umemoto  
Nishida/Burtis Family  
Ted & Julie Akahori  
Betty and Tak Yamashita

**Note: APRIL SHOTSUKI HOYO donations** will appear in the August *Prajna*

MAY 2023 SHOTSUKI HOYO

Observant  
*In Memory Of*

Ted & Julie Akahori *Sister Betty Akahori, Helen Akahori*  
Donna Ebata *Husband Duane Ebata*  
Sumiko Hayamizu *Father Hashigoro Nakashima*  
Robert Hori *Father Takashi Hori*  
Susan Hori *Father Takashi Hori*  
Kristie Ito *Son Jayden Ito*  
Kristie Ito *Grandmother Mitsuko Umemoto*  
Kristine & Glenn Kawaguchi *Mother Motoko Saneto*  
JoAnn & Neil Komai *Mother Alice Yamada*  
Debra Nishida & Neil Hurley *Sister Gwen Nishida*  
Lori Nishida *Grandfather Yoshio Nishisaka*  
Lori & Russell Nishida *Sister Gwen Nishida*  
Aileen & Scott Nishisaka *Father Yoshio Nishisaka*  
Merrie Nishisaka *Father Yoshio Nishisaka*

Beverly Rogers *Grandmother Masano Tokaji*  
Beverly Rogers *Step Grandfather Kaname Tokaji*  
Dana & Ann Saneto *Mother Motoko Saneto*  
Satomi Saneto *Sister-in-law Motoko Saneto*  
Marilyn Shimabukuro *Uncle Al Shigaki*  
Michiko Sugano *Husband Leo Sugano*  
Iris & Wilbur Takashima *Father Katsumi Takashima*  
Masae Toyama *Father John Seikichi Toyama*  
Kathie & Marty Umemoto *Mother Mitsuko Umemoto*  
Kathie & Marty Umemoto *Grandson Jayden Ito*  
Yukie & Mutsuo Ushirogata *Mother Tsunee Matsushita*

GOTANYE 2023

Anonymous  
Anonymous  
Jane Asahi  
Donna Ebata  
Kenneth Hatai  
Sumiko Hayamizu  
Dorothy Higa  
Debbie & John Hiramoto  
Paul Hiramoto  
Catherine Hisamune  
Patricia Honkawa  
Denise Ishitani  
Janis Ishitani  
Cathy Iyemura  
Emi Kamikawa  
Chikako Kojima  
JoAnn & Neil Komai  
June Kondo  
Natsuko Masushige  
Dale Matsubara  
Ikuko & Kazuo Matsubayashi  
Doug Matsuda  
Jean Minami

Lillie & Yoshio Miyagishima  
Marilyn & Dennis Miyamoto  
Garren & Stephanie Mizutani  
Eugene & Elaine Murakami  
Richard Nakawatase  
Lori & Russell Nishida  
Jerry Ogawa  
Michiko Sakakura  
Marilyn Shimabukuro & Gilbert Leong  
Ellen Shimohara  
Mark & Reiko Sondag  
Bessie Tanaka  
Barbara Tanezaki  
Alan Terakawa  
Suzanne Toji  
Kathie & Marty Umemoto  
Yoko Uneda & Chikako Kojima  
Vickie Wakinaka  
Toshiko Yamaguchi

Vehicle Donation

This is a reminder that Senshin will take any vehicle (car, pickup, truck, motorcycle, and even boat) as a donation to the temple. Donors can report the full amount of funds received from the vehicle donation as a deduction on their tax returns.

We work with Harold's Car Donation Service (HCDS) to have vehicles picked up, processed and refurbished as necessary to bring in the highest sale amount for the donated vehicle.

Once the proceeds from the vehicle donation are received by Senshin, a letter is sent to the donor to acknowledge the vehicle donation. The letter includes details of the donated vehicle and the amount for which the vehicle was sold or salvaged. All donors will be acknowledged in the *Prajna*.

If you have any questions about the program, or wish to donate a vehicle, please contact either Jean Minami (323) 938-0048, or Wilbur Takashima (310) 398-9558.





# Updates

## & ANNOUNCEMENTS!

### From the Board

In May, many of our Senshin members were extremely fortunate to attend the World Buddhist Women's Convention in Kyoto with the Joint Celebration of the 850th Anniversary of the birth of Shinran Shonin and the 800th Anniversary of the establishment of Jodo Shinshu. They were able to listen to these leaders and great thinkers of the Dharma share their thoughts about the Nembutsu teachings. It was truly a transformative experience shared among the Sangha.

During the month of June, we were busy preparing for our upcoming Obon. We had missed our community Obon for many years due to the pandemic. Our entire Sangha gathered to excitedly plan and practice for our July 1st Obon. BWA prepared their delicious musubis and offered garden salads for the first time. ABA were busy with hot dogs and chili rice. Our Jr YBA provided drinks and their famous shave ice. Kinnara Taiko filled our stomachs with fresh somen and provided exciting entertainment at the close of the evening. But always the beauty of the night came from the 1000 oil lamps to remind us that we had gathered to remember those who had passed. Senshin is truly a remarkable place.

*In Gassho,*  
KOICHI UYEMURA

### B W A

"Life of Nembutsu enables us to appreciate every encounter" was the theme of the 18th World Buddhist Women's Convention 5/11-12/2023 that was held at the beautiful Kyoto International Conference Center. The 2 days were full of excitement, wonder, and spiritual fulfillment. Senshin BWA members were among the 2,400 attendees from Japan, the US, Canada, South America, and Hawaii experiencing a multitude of ichi-go ichi-e, once in a lifetime, moments while cultivating old and new friendships. Save the date in 4 years for the 19th World Buddhist Women's Convention to be held September 11-12, 2027 in Honolulu, Hawaii.

A special thank you to the following for their generous dana:

- Ikuko and Kazuo Matsubayashi *Hanamatsuri*
- Debbie Nishida & Neil Hurley *Special*
- Kiyoko Yoneda *Special*
- Betty Yamashita *Special*
- Yukie Ushirogata *In memory of* Motoko Saneto

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Hope everyone enjoyed Obon on July 1st, and all the yummy food booths including ABA's tasty chili rice, hot dogs and cha shu bao!

Reminder, our next bingo visit to Kei Ai Lincoln will be Sunday, August 27 after temple clean up. Supporting the residents at Kei Ai is a long-time tradition for Senshin dating back to

1977. Please join us if you are available by contacting Debbie Hiramoto to sign up.

### Jr Y B A

The coming of summer brought a new season of leaders to the Juniors. Our presidents Matz Furumoto and Sam Yamashita graduated from high school and will be off to college next year. We will be voting for our new presidents for next year. Mariko Rooks returned to assist in the annual transition of our new Jr YBA leaders, and gave us insight into future planning for the organization. Paiton Gleeson, another former Jr will be chaperoning our trip to Japan in July. Johnny Mori and Kinnara invited the Jr. YBA to Kinnara practices to prepare for Senshin's Obon. We hope to take our Taiko skills on the road as we look forward to playing Taiko in Japan! The Juniors thank the Sangha for their generous support of our fundraising activities.

If you have any questions or would like to join Jr. YBA, don't hesitate to reach out to our parent advisor, Mrs. Juriko Yamada at: [afstue@gmail.com](mailto:afstue@gmail.com)



Recently JoAnn and Neil Komai brought in the a platter which originally belonged to Shirley Kodani and was passed on to them after her passing as a remembrance of their friendship. How the platter sustained this unusual fracture and who made it was a bit of a mystery. Upon examining the back of the platter we discovered a faint signature of the maker. I took a pencil and paper and did a rubbing which revealed the maker as Kazuko Matthews. By coincidence I had an article on the WasabiKai bulletin board which featured a short bio of Kazuko and her work. Kazuko Kayasuga Matthews was born in 1934 in Compton, California, raised and educated in Japan, returned to the U.S. in 1955, attended

Chouinard Art Institute and studied with Paul Soldner at Scripps College. Her work has been shown at many galleries and exhibitions. She was one of the more well known JA ceramic artists of her time, of which there were many.

Though this platter may no longer be functional, it is still a beautiful piece created by a well established JA artist and, more importantly, a remembrance of the Komai's friendship with Shirley. In Japan, such a piece could be repaired using the *Kintsugi* method, "to join with gold," highlighting imperfections and as a reminder of fragility/impermanence. This method involves using lacquer and gold dust and can



take a number of weeks to complete. Unfortunately, we have not been formally trained in this technique and lack the recommended materials. We do have a couple of WasabiKai potters who have used the technique

to embrace this thought while using materials available to us.

As I have noted, this is an unusual stress crack and we will have to see how the Komais wish to proceed. As in life, in pottery there are no guarantees regarding the outcome.

The *Kurinuki Yaki* class with Master Potter Kazuo Ota: July 8, 15, 22, 29, August 5, 10 30am to 1:00pm. Sign up on the bulletin board or contact Bob Miyamoto, 323 791.271, for info and availability.



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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY=	SATURDAY
						<b>1</b> <b>4:30p</b> Senshinji Hatsubon Service <b>7p</b> Senshinji Bon Odori <b>9p</b> Omairi in Hondo, Sento Shogon (1000 lamps) Horaku
<b>2</b> No Service	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>8</b>
			<b>6:30-7:15p</b> Introduction and Reflection on Rennyō Shonin's <i>Gobunsho</i> , Rev. Furumoto (Zoom)	<b>10:30a-2p</b> WasabiKai Open Studio <b>7-9p</b> Kinnara Taiko		
<b>9</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>15</b>
<b>8:30a</b> BWA Reikai <b>9:45a</b> Japanese <i>Howa</i> <b>10a</b> Monthly Memorial Service/ <i>Shotsuki Hōyō</i> <b>11a</b> Jr. YBA Meeting <b>12noon</b> Temple Board Mtg; <i>Obon Hansei Kai</i>		<b>10:30a-2p</b> WasabiKai Open Studio	<b>6:30-7:15p</b> Introduction and Reflection on Rennyō Shonin's <i>Gobunsho</i> , Rev. Furumoto (Zoom)	<b>10:30a-2p</b> WasabiKai Open Studio <b>7-9p</b> Kinnara Taiko	<b>5p</b> Saishin Dojo Culmination	
<b>16</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>19</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>21</b>	<b>22</b>
<b>10a</b> Family Service <b>July 16-20</b> Saishin Dojo SLO Camp		<b>10:30a-2p</b> WasabiKai Open Studio		<b>10:30a-2p</b> WasabiKai Open Studio <b>7-9p</b> Kinnara Taiko		
<b>23</b> <i>Obon Kangi-e</i> Service	<b>24</b>	<b>25</b>	<b>26</b>	<b>27</b>	<b>28</b>	<b>29</b>
<b>10a</b> <i>Obon Kangi-e</i> Service, Rev. Kodani <b>11:30a</b> Otoki		<b>10:30a-2p</b> WasabiKai Open Studio	<b>10a-2p</b> Hongwanji Placle <b>July 26-August 4</b> Jr YBA Japan Trip	<b>10:30a-2p</b> WasabiKai Open Studio <b>7-9p</b> Kinnara Taiko		
<b>30</b> No Service	<b>31</b>	<b>Aug 1</b>	<b>Aug 2</b>	<b>Aug 3</b>	<b>Aug 4</b>	<b>Aug 5</b>
		<b>10:30a-2p</b> WasabiKai Open Studio		<b>10:30a-2p</b> WasabiKai Open Studio <b>7-9p</b> Kinnara Taiko		

## JULY TOBAN

**Service Toban** Dharma School  
**Hondo Toban** Koichi Uyemura,  
Dale Matsubara, Tammy Matsubara,  
Amy Yukawa

## JULY *Onaijin* Flower Toban

**July 1** Fujie Ohata  
**July 8** Arlene Yokoyama  
**July 15** Iris Takashima

(Note: If you are unable to fulfill the week you are scheduled, please contact Iris  
at (310) 951-0160 or itakashima@aol.com)

**July 22** Robert Hori / Richard Kok  
**July 29** Paige Morikawa  
**Aug 5** Donna Ebata

## Upcoming in August 2023

**August 12** Senshin Temple Yard Sale  
**August 20** Temple Picnic  
**August 26** USC Football Parking Fundraiser  
**August 27** Temple Cleanup/ABA Keiro Bingo